

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Kindly enter the English translation of the PCT Article 19 amendments into this U.S. national phase application, and amend the translated claims as follows.

1-9. (Canceled)

10. (New) An internal combustion engine for a motor vehicle with a lubricant pump to transport a fluid, almost incompressible lubricant, comprising:
a lubricant guide element to guide the lubricant to the lubrication points of the internal combustion engine, and
a dampening element associated with the lubricant guide element to accept pressure pulsations in the lubricant,
wherein the dampening element is constructed as a bypass resonator, and
wherein an elastic body is provided in a lubricant reservoir connected with the lubricant guide element across a bleed line.

11. (New) The internal combustion engine according to Claim 10, wherein the elastic body is a rubber-elastic, shaped body.

12. (New) The internal combustion engine according to Claim 10, wherein the elastic body includes a gas storage volume, adapted to accept a compressible medium, with a side facing the bleed line, and an elastic membrane.

13. (New) The internal combustion engine according to Claim 12, wherein the membrane has a changeable or adjustable elasticity.

14. (New) The internal combustion engine according to Claim 10, wherein the lubricant is a motor oil.

15. (New) The internal combustion engine according to Claim 11, wherein the shaped body has a changeable or adjustable elasticity.

16. (New) An internal combustion engine for a motor vehicle with a lubricant pump to transport a fluid, almost incompressible lubricant, comprising:

a lubricant guide element to guide the lubricant to the lubrication points of the internal combustion engine, and

a dampening element associated with the lubricant guide element to accept pressure pulsations in the lubricant,

wherein the dampening element is constructed as a wall of the lubricant guide element that manifests an increased compressibility.

17. (New) The internal combustion engine according to Claim 16, wherein the dampening element is a rubber-elastic, cylindrical shaped part with an interior cross-section corresponding to the interior cross-section of the lubricant guide element.

18. (New) The internal combustion engine according to Claim 16, wherein the dampening element includes a calmed area which is formed by an abrupt expansion and an abrupt narrowing of the interior cross-section of the lubricant guide element, and a rubber-elastic wall is associated with the calmed area.

19. (New) The internal combustion engine according to Claim 16, wherein the lubricant is a motor oil.

20. (New) An internal combustion engine for a motor vehicle with a lubricant pump to transport a fluid, almost incompressible lubricant, comprising:
a lubricant guide element to guide the lubricant to the lubrication points of the internal combustion engine, and

a dampening element associated with the lubricant guide element to accept pressure pulsations in the lubricant,

wherein the dampening element is positioned in a lubricant reservoir in a vicinity of an intake suction opening of the lubricant guide element.

21. (New) The internal combustion engine according to Claim 20, wherein the dampening element is constructed as a gas or air pillow with a side facing the intake suction opening of the lubricant guide element that manifests an elastic membrane.

22. (New) The internal combustion engine according to Claim 20, wherein the lubricant is a motor oil.
